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PRODUCTION IN SOVIET CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INDUSTRY, JANUARY-JUNE 1954

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INDUSTRY PLAN FULFILIMENT -- Moscow, Promyshlennost' Stroitel'nykh Materialov, 26 Jun 54

The Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR fulfilled the gross output plan for the first 6 months of 1954 by 104 percent. The following were produced above the plan: cement [quantity not indicated]; slate tiles, 3.4 million; ceramic pipe, 1,379 tons; window glass, 575,000 square meters.

Output of the most important types of construction materials in the first 6 months of 1954, expressed in percentages of output in the first 6 months of 1953, was as follows: cement 115, window glass 117, slate 121, soft roofing 110, and brick 113.

However, as a whole, the construction materials industry in the USSR fell short of the plan in production of the following: brick, 16.2 million; asphalt-cement pipe, 312 kilometers; facing blocks, 150,800 square meters; soft roofing, 2.5 million square meters. The cost of construction materials was reduced only 4.2 percent instead of 4.4 percent as provided for in the plan. One hundred and forty enterprises of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR failed to fulfill their plan for the first 6 months of 1954. Among those which relatively the first behind were the Armyansk Cement Plant, the Khabarovsk Rubberoid is the Sanitary and Technical Industry which fulfilled its plan for the first 6 months of 1954 by only 98 percent as a result of poor work in half of its enterprises. In June 1954, 117 enterprises did not fulfill their monthly

In the enterprises of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR the labor productivity plan for the first half of 1954 was fulfilled 101.2 percent.

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Moscow, Promyshlennost' Stroitel'nykh Materialov, 14 Jul 54

Despite the generally favorable situation with regard to plan fulfillment in the first months of 1954, there are still many enterprises in the construction materials industry which are lagging behind. In January, there were 164, in February 161, in March 93, in April 62, and in May the number rose to 106. The largest percentage of offenders was in the Main Administration of Sanitary and Technical Industry and in the Main Administration for the Production of Construction Materials Machinery.

Moscow, Promyshlennost' Stroitel'nykh Materialov, 30 Jun 54

During the first half of 1954, 40 percent more cement, 66 percent more slate, and 200 percent more asbestos-cement pipes were produced for agriculture than during the same period of 1953. However, the demand is great and needs are still not being fully satisfied.

Moscow, Promyshlennost' Stroitel'nykh Materialov, 26 Jun 54

The output of the enterprises of the Main Asbestos Administration of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR for the first 6 months of 1954 increased 17 percent over the same period of 1953. The labor productivity plan for the first 5 months of 1954 was fulfilled 103 percent and the cost of production was cut 3 percent.

Moscow, Tsement, No 3, May-Jun 54

During January and February 1954, consumption of standard fuel in Glav-vostoktsement was 15,000 tons in excess of the plan and in Glavzapadtsement 16,400 tons in excess of the plan.

In the production of cement during 1953 the cost of fuel amounted to 25.6 percent of the total cost.

PRODUCTION INCREASE IN BELORUSSIAN SSR -- Moscow, Promyshlennost' Stroitel'nykh Materialov, 7 Aug 54

A comparison of production in the first 6 months of 1953 and the same period in 1954 shows the following percentage increases over last year by the construction materials industry of the Belorussian SSR: brick 23.5, hollow brick 40, lime 19.6, roofing tile 36.1, building rock 107.3, and facing tile 20.9.

The Ministry of the Construction Materials Industry Belorussian SSR fulfilled the capital construction plan for the first 6 months of 1954 103.2 percent. Labor productivity in the first half of 1954 was 110.4 percent of the same period of 1953.

BRICK SHORTAGE IN ESTONIAN SSR -- Tallin, Sovetskaya Estoniya, 27 Apr 54

Not enough bricks are being supplied to construction organizations in the Estonian Republic. The supply of bricks in 1954 is 20 million bricks behind the demand. This discrepancy will increase if Gosplan USSR and the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR do not increase investments for the large brick plants which are under construction in Tallin.

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PRODUCTION IN KARELO-FINNISH SSR, FIRST QUARTER 1954 -- Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znamya, 12 May 54

In the first quarter of 1954, the enterprises of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry Karelo-Finnish SSR fulfilled the gross output plan by only 88 percent.

Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znamya, 6 May 54

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During the first quarter of 1954, the brick plants of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry Karelo-Finnish SSR produced about 3 million bricks more than during the same period in 1953. However, the quarterly plan for production of bricks was not fulfilled. The plants have sufficient equipment, but it is poorly utilized.

DEFICIENCY OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS IN LITHUANIAN SSR -- Kaunas, Sovetskaya Litva, 21 Feb 54

The Ministry of Construction Materials Industry Lithuanian SSR is not supplying the required amounts of construction materials to the large projects now being built in the Lithuanian Republic.

Moscow, Promyshlennost' Stroitel'nykh Materialov, 19 Jun 54

At present, there is a deficiency of roofing tile in the Lithuanian Republic.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS IN UKRAINIAN SSR -- Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 27 Mar 54

There is an acute shortage of wall materials and crushed stone products in the Ukrainian SSR. This is a result of the prevalence of seasonal production, based in large part on manual labor, in many enterprises.

Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 27 Apr 54

Coordination is needed in the planning of construction materials production and the volume of construction work. In the first quarter of $195 \mbox{\ensuremath{$\downarrow$}}$, construction projects experienced acute shortages in the supply of bricks.

Moscow, Promyshlennost' Stroitel'nykh Materialov, 9 Jun 54

Since the beginning of 1954, enterprises of the Main Administration of the Brick Industry, Ministry of Construction Materials Industry Ukrainian SSR, have produced several million bricks above the plan.

With the same production capacities as in 1953, brick plants of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry Ukrainian SSR have increased their output 16 percent.



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ERICK PLANTS IN UZEEK SSR FALL SHORT OF QUARTERLY QUOTA -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 19 May 54

Of 11 brick plants under the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry Uzbek SSR, seven failed to fulfil their plan for the first quarter of 1954. Among them are Samarkand Brick Plant Administration No 8, Kokand Brick Plant Administration No 11, Andizhan Brick Plant Administration No 9, and Tashkent Brick Plant Administration No 5. The Tashkent Brick Plant Administration No 5 is very large, accounting for 25 percent of the output of the Uzbek brick industry.

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